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By Hackworth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-205, relative to the intentional killing of certain animals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-205(a), is amended by deleting subdivisions (2) and (3) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(2) In determining the value of a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, guide dog or police horse under § 39-14-105, the court shall consider the value of the police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, guide dog or police horse as both the cost of the animal and any specialized training such animal received. The trier of fact may infer that the cost and specialized training of any such animal is more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.